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## RESPONSE

The Commissioner of Patents  
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Washington, D.C.  
U.S.A. 20231


Dear Sir:

**Re: United States Patent Application No. 09/918, 474**  
**For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCTION OF ALCOHOLS**  
**Filed: August 1, 2001**  
**Inventor: Karl T. Chuang et al.**

This letter is responsive to the Office Action dated December 3, 2002. The Examiner advised that the application contained two inventions namely invention I (represented by claims 1-13) which is drawn to a process for the production of alcohols and invention II (represented by claims 14-29) which is drawn to a process for reducing the water content of an azeotropic mixture. The applicant hereby notifies the Examiner that it elects to proceed with invention I (namely claims 1-13) in this application. This election is made without traverse and without prejudice to the filing of a divisional application for the subject matter of claims 14-29.

In view of the foregoing, favourable consideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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